iron rods and kulahries etc. They began beating passengers, looting their goods and railways employees were also beaten up. On getting the information senior police officers reached the spot. Fifty-three people were injured. 5 were discharged after first-aid. Five Jawans were arrested on the spot.

A case under Sections 121, 126, 126A, 127, 128, 129 Indian Railways Act and 395, 357, 332, 333 and 353 Indian Penal Code has been registered on the report of M.C.O. Jaspal Singh. Another case for snatching rifles and cartridges under Sections 396, 397, 352, 353 Indian Penal Code has also been registered.

The Railways authorities have already announced ex-gratia grant of Rs. 1000|- each to injured persons having grevious hurt and Rs. 500|- each for those with simple injuries.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Railways have brought the facts of the case, in which Army jawans were involved, to the notice of the Ministry of Defence for appropriate action.

Export of alumina to USSR

@1890. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country agreed to export alumina to USSR in exchange of foundry-grade pig iron from that country; and

(b) if so, whether the country fulfilled its part of the commitment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSHI): (a) and (b) The Indo-Soviet Trade Plan does not provide for any direct link up between individual items of import and individual items of export to the USSR and the imports and exports proceed independently. In the Trade Plan for 1989, alumina is included in the list of exports and pig iron without specifying the grade is included in the list of imports from the USSR. While the Trade Plan is drawn up at the Governmental level, the actual contracting takes place at the level of organisations depending on relevant factors like offers for supply, specifications, Prices, etc. Already some contracts have been concluded for export of alumina and similarly some contracts for import of basic grade pig iron have been concluded. Both the Governments jointly endeavour to ensure that the Trade Plan is implemented. As the Trade Plan which is valid for the calender year 1989 as a whole is presently in progress, the exact position about implementation will become clear only after the year is over and the trade figures become available.

@Previously Unstarred Question 1266 transferred from the 28th July, 1989.

Post of Gauge Reader in Central Water Commission

1891. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Gauge Reader in Central Water Commission is maintained both in regular establishment and work-charged establishment;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what corrective steps are proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir. All the posts of Gauge Reader in Central Water Commission are borne on regular establishment.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.